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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by: (PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR ADOLESCENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is
- repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective from
- 3 passage):
- 4 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil
- 5 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments in either
- 6 grade six or grade seven and in either grade nine or grade ten. [or
- 7 grade eleven.] The assessment shall include: (1) A physical
- 8 examination which shall include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests,
- 9 height, weight, blood pressure, and, beginning with the 2003-2004
- 10 school year, a chronic disease assessment which shall include, but not
- 11 be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health
- 12 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-62a. The assessment form
- 13 shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the
- 14 assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an
- 15 asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to appropriate
- 16 public health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian, and

17 (C) screening questions to be answered by such provider; (2) an 18 updating of immunizations as required under section 10-204a, 19 provided a registered nurse may only update said immunizations 20 pursuant to a written order of a physician or physician assistant, 21 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered 22 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, postural 23 and gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information including a 24 health history as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. The 25 assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis and sickle cell 26 anemia or Cooley's anemia where the local or regional board of 27 education, in consultation with the school medical advisor and the 28 local health department, or in the case of a regional board of education, 29 each local health department, determines that said screening or test is 30 necessary, provided a registered nurse may only perform said tests 31 pursuant to the written order of a physician or physician assistant, 32 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered 33 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:				
Section 1	from passage	10-206(c)		

PH Joint Favorable C/R ED

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